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POLISH EDITOR STRESSES STALIN'S TREATMENT OF HUMANISTIC ASPECT OF SOCIALISM

/The following information is taken from one of the commentaries made by dignitaries of the PZPR (United Polish Workers' Party) at the Eighth Plenum c. its Central Committee, held 28 March 1953. Each of the commentaries, given in abridged form in Nowe Drogi, is an amplification of Bierut's keynote address.

In the present commentary, Roman Werfel, editor in chief or Nowe Drogi, points out the necessity for extensive propaganda activity to popularize the proper meaning of Communist philosophy and its international aspects.

Comrade Bierut forcefully pointed out in his speech the importance of the ideological front for the further transformation of our party into a Leninist-Stalinist type party.

The years that have passed since the liquidation of Comulkeism and the social-democratic right wing of the PPS (Polska Partja Socjalistyczna, Polish Socialist Party) were years of energetic ideological work, of assimilation of the great teachings of Stalin by many thousands of party members and nonparty working people, and of important ideological growth of our party cadres.

Much has yet to be done, however, especially in the use of Comrade Stalin's directives, and primarily those from his last works applicable to Polish realities, to overcome those difficulties and false and harmful concepts which we must liquidate in our country.

Comrade Stalin always taught that Leninism, the Marxism of the age of imperialism and of the proletarian revolution, is an international manifestation and is the road of struggle and victory for the workers of the world. Comrade Stalin rebuked all who wanted to make Bolshevism a local "Kujsian manifestation."

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Stalin's directives on the objective character of the laws of social development and the possibility of their use by man in the interest of society permit us to clarify one more aspect of this problem. Marxism-Leninism, as taught by Lenin and Stalin, pertains to all countries, is a scientific recognition of 'aws governing the development of society, teaches us how to use these laws in the interest of the working class and for the development of society and mankind, and is the call for the application of these laws to promote the proletarian revolution and a classless society.

Anyone who opposes this notion of the general application and importance of Marxisi-Leninist teachings acts in the interests of the exploiting classes, to whom the recognition of objective laws and the use of these laws by the working classes spells death.

In the light of this statement, we can see even more clearly the threat of Gomulka-ism to us. It tried to establish a "theory" for Poland contrary to the objective laws for the development of society -- a basically separate road opposite to that of Marxism-Leninism -- and, actually, with the help of this basically false concept, it opened the way for imperialist diversionists into party ranks and directing organs.

In the light of this statement we can see where the concepts of the social-democratic right wing in the ranks of the PFS from 1945 to 1948 were leading. This rightist movement attempted to direct the development of our people's democracy along roads leading to the return of a capitalist, liberal-parliamentarian state and treated the plebeign, proletarian character of our state as a passing evil. In the light of this statement, we see the necessity for liquidating all remnants of Luxemburgism, which denied the experiences of Bolshevism and the teachings of Leninism-Stalinism in basic problems of party organization and revolutionary theory and strategy.

Comrade Bierut emphasized in his report the special importance of Stalin's talk at the 19th Party Congress. Comrade Stalin stated that all support of peaceful aims of the CPSU by any brother party means a simultaneous support of its own nation in its struggle to maintain peace. He constantly pointed out to the working classes of all nations that their full and unlimited support of the Soviet Republics was in their own class interest and in the interest of their own nation.

Bierut referred to a wealth of material in Stalin's works that should provide a rich source for strengthening our people's patriotism and for demonstrating their inseparable bond to proletarian internationalism and correlation the USSR and the party of Lenin and Stalin.

Socialism is the libration of mankind; by its class liberation of the proletariat, it brings liberation of hundreds of millions of peoples exploited, oppressed, and suppressed by capitalism and imperialism. This humanistic aspect of socialism found a particularly important expression in Stalin's work, "Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR."

It seems that this aspect of Stalin's work has not yet been fully exploited. And yet it was not so very long ago that the adversaries of Marxism-Leninism tried to use the flag of humanism in the struggle against Marxism-Leninism to hinder the building of socialism in Poland. To this day even, clericalism is trying to use such phraseology against us in defense of the individual. All of Stalin's theoretical and practical works clearly reveals the complete falsity of all attempts to oppose the humanism of Marxism-Leninism and point out the full and deeply humanistic meaning of class, proletarian socialism. This is an unusually important and gratifying task, the accomplishment of which through our propaganda, science, and arts can very serious contribute to the unification of the greatest masses of the people around the party and to the strengthening of the National Front.

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Comrade Bierut reminded us of the Stalinist teachings on criticism and self-criticism in the ideological life of the party and the country. Our ideological front has much to make up here. Many works have appeared attempting to explain particular problems from the Marxist-Leninist viewpoint. Critical analysis of these works had been inadequate in our theoretical literature. This means that we are not helping our youth sufficiently in the practical application of Marxism-Leninism. Many alien, and even unfriendly ideological works are still published in Poland. We are not working systematically and consistently to overcome elements of bourgeois ideology, cosmopolitanism, and nationalism among the masses of the people. We are not attacking and criticizing alien and enemy ideas sufficiently. Too little space is given in our propaganda work and theoretical articles to criticism and to refutation of views syread by the enemy. These deficiencies must be overcome.

Comrade Bierut pointed out the necessity for indefatigable work in consolidating the nation behind the National Front based on our party line and Poland's participation in the great camp of socialism and peace headed by the USSR. Comrade Bierut showed us how important the ideological front is in this work. We are still faced with the serious task of inculcating Stalin's teachings in the great masses of the people, translating these teachings in terms of Polish realities, in terms of the work and struggle of our people, and in terms of participation in the continued development of Marxism-Jeninism.

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